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**Statement by Mayor Greg Nickels on the Steinbrueck-Conlin proposal for more studies and new regulation for Northgate:**

This proposal would take us in the wrong direction by creating more process, and not a single job. Northgate is blighted and needs help now. Our city is in recession and needs jobs now.

We have investors ready to go, and we should move forward on new housing, new transit, improvements to Thornton Creek, and new tax revenue to fund basic services. This proposal would create delays and uncertainty and would jeopardize \$100 million in new investment and new jobs.

I will keep fighting for jobs and for revitalization of the Northgate area. If this council won't act, I will work with a new council in January.

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